



Virginia Brownfields Conference

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Today's Presentation

- Brief Overview of Brownfields Program
- Spotlight on new initiatives
- Accomplishments
- What's coming up in 2012/2013
- Questions and Answers



Brownfield Grant Program

OVERVIEW

Seven Types of Grants:

- Assessment grants
- Revolving Loan Fund grants
- Cleanup grants
- Multi-purpose grants
- Job Training grants (proposals due April 2012)
- State and Tribal Response Program
- Area-Wide Planning (RFP anticipated Summer 2012)



Spotlight on New Initiatives

MULTI-PURPOSE GRANTS

- provides for assessment and cleanup funding in one grant
- Required to own property at time of application
- Non-profits not eligible

AREA WIDE PLANNING GRANTS

- provides planning assistance
 - advance an ongoing local planning process
 - develop an area-wide plan for a brownfields-impacted area
 - identify next steps and resources needed to implement the plan
- ...within a brownfields-impacted area such as a neighborhood, district, city block, corridor, etc.



What Do the Grants Cover? Who is Eligible ?

Provide funding for:

- **Inventory sites**
- **Characterize sites**
- **Assess sites**
- **Plan for cleanup and redevelopment**
- **Conduct community involvement and facilitate area wide planning**
- **Clean up sites for redevelopment**

Who is eligible?

- **State, local, and tribal governments**
- **General purpose units of local government**
- **Land clearance authorities**
- **Quasi-governmental entities**
- **Regional Council or redevelopment agencies**
- **Non profits (cleanup, job training and area-wide planning only)**



AREA WIDE PLANNING PROJECT IN VIRGINIA

Update on Roanoke, VA

- The AWP will focus on the **Rail Corridor Planning Area, which covers 558 acres**, contains portions of four neighborhoods (Gilmer, Loudon-Melrose, Hurt Park, and West End neighborhoods) and is home to over 5,000 residents. The project area is aligned with and adjacent to the Roanoke River.
- There are at least **60 brownfield sites** in the area, many of which are located near densely populated residential areas. As industries have closed and properties have fallen into disrepair, they have caused a widespread decrease in property values and increase in blighted conditions.
- The Rail Corridor area-wide planning process will **identify future cleanup and reuses of brownfields in the Corridor through community involvement and detailed analysis of economic conditions, market demand, and needed infrastructure improvements.**



Sources for EPA Technical Assistance

Targeted Brownfields Assessments (TBAs)

- Non competitive
- Administered at the Regional Office
- Contact Regional Brownfield Coordinator
(<http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/bf/regcntct.htm>)
- TBA's are generally at the EPA Region's discretion



Sources for EPA Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance to Brownfield Communities

- TAB program is a grant program (new round coming soon)
- Four grantees in zones across the US provide geographically-based technical assistance and training to communities and other stakeholders on brownfield issues.
- Technical assistance can address various brownfields issues
- R3's TAB grantee is New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) <http://www.njit.edu/tab/>



BROWNFIELDS AND URBAN GARDENING

- Brownfields program has provided TBA funds and k6 technical assistance grant funds to support expanding community garden and urban agriculture movement to highlight land revitalization opportunities.
- Recently shared via website, webinars and brochures many case study examples
- Continue to develop general outreach and technical tools to support outreach efforts and document best practice examples from communities nationwide.
- Highlight urban gardening and agriculture in the ARC grants as an end use or interim activity





URBAN WATERS INITIATIVE

- A Priority Initiative for EPA Administrator Jackson
- Accelerate the protection and restoration of our urban waters
- Reconnect people- especially those living in underserved or economically distressed communities to their urban waterways and adjacent lands
- Build local capacity to use clean and safe waterways as drivers for community revitalization
- This year seven federal partnership pilots were identified and underway



2011 EPA BROWNFIELDS RESOURCES

- \$32.5 million in Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) & Cleanup grants
- \$49.5 million to states and tribes under CERCLA 128(a),
- \$13.0 million to existing RLF recipients in the form of supplemental funding,
- \$ 6.3 million in Brownfields Job Training grants and,
- \$ 4 million to fund Area-Wide Planning pilots



Program Accomplishments

as of Feb 2012

- 18,392 Properties Assessed
- 702 Cleanups completed
- 74,809 Jobs Leveraged
- \$18 Billion in Cleanup and Redevelopment funds leveraged
- State and Tribal Program: 46,000 sites enrolled; 56,000 cleaned; 549,000 acres into productive reuse (data represents 2006-2010 accomplishments)



WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN FY12

Multiple Purpose Grants

- Announcement expected May/June 2012

Compete a new round of Technical Assistance to Brownfields Community (TAB) grants

- RFP anticipated Fall 2012

Area-Wide Planning Grants

- RFP anticipated Summer 2012

Support ASTSWMO Brownfields Focus Group in grant activity to further Urban Gardening

- address identified gaps in contaminant risk and plant uptake,
- best practice soil management strategies
- and practitioner training